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Dear Ms. Pannesi,

I am writing this letter in support of a joint venture among the following groups: East Boston CDC, the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council and the East Boston Social Centers for the use of the building formerly housing the Meridian Street branch of the Boston Public Library.

I see this as an excellent collaboration amongst organizations that have been so successful in responding to and meeting the needs of the East Boston Community.

EBECC proposes much needed services to immigrants and their families and an opportunity to interact with other community members. The Social Center is responding to a need to relocate two child care programs now housed at the Orient Heights public housing development in anticipation of the redevelopment of the Orient Heights facility.

The Meridian Street Branch Library has an illustrious history of enriching the lives of countless residents, in particular, immigrant families. My family is a perfect example. Family members spent many enjoyable hours in this Library planting the roots of a lifelong love of reading and books.

I feel that it would be fitting that the Meridian Street property be used once again to enrich the lives of the current residents while meeting real needs in the East Boston Community.

I support this project without reservation.

Sincerely yours

Jéan Staropoli